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## Dedication and Ribbon Cutting of the Indian Health Service Headquarters Building



On a crisp Wednesday morning the headquarters building for the Indian Health Service received traditional blessings from the four directions. From the north, Clayton Old Elk; from the South, Amos Goodfox; from the East, Lance Hodahkwew; and from the West, Wilbur Woodis. The Master of Ceremony was Robert McSwain, Director of the Office of Management Support. Speakers included Michael H. Trujillo, M.D., M.P.H., M.S., Director of the Indian Health Service; Anthony Costa with the General Services Administration; and Rod Lawrence, the Senior Vice President for the construction company, JBG Companies. Assistance with the ribbon cutting was provided by Karen Gun Shows, the most recent OPH hire at Headquarters (Rockville); Darrell Pratt, a 39-year service employee with OMS at Headquarters (Rockville); and Sandra Dodge, a Commissioned Corps officer, recently returned from providing medical services assistance to New York City recovery efforts.



Photos:  
**At left**, the participants.  
**Directly below**, the three buildings of IHS Headquarters (Rockville).  
**Lower center**, l – r: Robert McSwain, Dr. Trujillo, Anthony Costa, and Rod Lawrence.  
**Bottom**, l-r: Ready to cut the ribbon and “It’s Official!”

